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Mr. Byron Zuidema, Regional Administrator  
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Dear Mr. Zuidema:

I am writing to request an extension until July 1, 2005 of Ohio's waiver from Section 122 (c) (5) of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and Section 663.530 of the Regulations. These sections concern the length of time before subsequent year eligibility for training providers is determined.

Ohio received such a waiver through January 1, 2004 and we thought we would be able to meet this deadline for establishing re-certification procedures that were user-friendly. As you know, we implemented our new reporting system, Sharing Career Opportunities and Training Information (SCOTI), for WIA in March 2003 and for labor exchange in November 2003. We subsequently have been developing and are now testing a new Eligible Training Provider component of SCOTI. We have scheduled training for local area staff and all providers in October 2004 to teach them the new reporting methodology.

In addition, we have had difficulty getting the cooperation of training providers to provide the required performance data on WIA students as well as their entire program student population. Therefore, we have been working for a considerable amount of time with the Ohio Board of Regents to develop procedures for collecting this data. They already have performance reporting responsibilities for the 2- and 4-year colleges, so they are a logical choice for tracking the WIA ETP performance data. Working out the details of the procedures has taken longer than expected due to our focus on developing, implementing, maintaining, and training on the SCOTI system. As a result, we were also delayed in requesting the extension of the waiver.

If you have questions about this request, please contact John Weber, Chief, Bureau of WIA, at (614) 644-8836.

Sincerely,

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